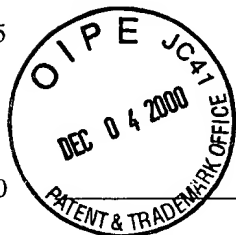


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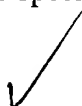
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In the specification:



On page 2, line 21, change "SCP" to A Service Control Point (SCP)-

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On page 3, line 7, after "carrier," first occurrence, add A2 (LATA means Local Access and Transport Area)-

A3 On page 4, line 3, change "The present invention" to: An embodiment of the present invention";

On page 4, add the following text:

A4 5 --Other embodiments of the present invention relate to a system or a method for selecting a carrier type for routing a call. Such system or method determines whether a called party is inside a local calling scope of a calling party, and, if so, selects a first carrier as the carrier type. But, if not, then the system or method selects a second carrier as the carrier type if both an originating LATA and a terminating LATA of the calling party are the same. The system or method selects a third carrier as the carrier type if the
10 originating LATA and terminating LATA are different.

Yet another embodiment of the present invention relates to a computer readable medium containing a data structure through which the aforesaid system or method may be manifested.

15 It is, therefore, a general objective of the present invention to provide a method and apparatus for determining the carrier used for an AIN call. --.

On page 6, line 7, after "AIN-equipped" insert --central office--.

20 On page 7, line 23, after "NPA-NXX" insert ^{A5} as reflected in step 110--. On page 7, line 24, after "carrier" insert _{A6} as reflected in step 115--.